

The election returns show democratic victories in Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and New York on last Tuesday, and of the kind that encourages the belief, that they will be found in the Democratic column when their votes are needed in National as well as State campaigns.

That the Democrats would carry Virginia, of course, no one ever doubted. The result, in fact, was so well known in most of the counties of the State in advance that campaign oratory was not even thought to be necessary, to arouse the people to the duty of voting and very little was indulged in. With such a feeling of security a large vote therefore was not expected, but it is gratifying to know that, except in a few counties, the most of the votes were cast in the right direction and that the Democratic victory was decisive enough to give us all but twenty members in the next Legislature.

Equally decisive too was the victory in Kentucky. The Democrats not only won in that State but by increased figures, indicating that the State is in the Democratic column to stay. Maryland, though, is most to be congratulated for the splendid fight made and grand victory gained in every part of the State. It was expected that Mr. Warfield, the candidate for governor, would be elected but results so far-reaching as the election of more than two-thirds of the members of the Legislature was hardly hoped for by anyone. With the race question, as the issue, however, the result is not surprising. The people had too much at stake to lose and the opportunity presented to them, without doubt, so entrench themselves in power, that Maryland can be counted upon as a Democratic State in the future. The large majority of 61,000 for Hon. Geo. B. McClellan as Democratic Mayor of New York, of course means much and taken in connection with decreased republican majorities in other States are hopeful signs, that we may win a still greater victory in the next National contest.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia, it is gratifying to be able to announce, will have an exhibit of sweet potatoes at the St. Louis Exposition. To that end choice selections of them are being stored in several places in the two counties under the direction of the Produce Exchange, to be shipped, when in the judgment of the directors they can be best shown to advantage. They will have a place in the Virginia building and much expense will thereby be avoided, but more money will be required than the Exchange is willing to expend and private contributions, therefore, will be expected and the Board of Supervisors of both counties will be asked also to add to the fund. It is proposed to have in connection with the exhibit a "potato kitchen," where lunches may be served at a small price in the many palatable ways in which our staple product can be cooked. Every Eastern Shoreman, of course, will feel a pride in the exhibit and will be willing to lend a helping hand to make it a success. The truth is, we cannot afford to disprove of the display, and to be unwilling to contribute the necessary funds for its success. The good prices received for sweets in late years, it is too well known, are due to sales made in the West, and now that the opportunity is presented to increase them by showing their superior quality over all others in that section, surely we will not withhold the necessary contribution to that end.

The election returns for Accomac, reported elsewhere, are in some respects inaccurate and do injustice to Mr. John R. Rew, nominee for the House of Delegates. The votes cast for him and by mistake not returned, according to report received through private sources, was over 200, which added to the vote returned for him would make his vote nearly equal to that of the other candidates, though his name was not printed on ticket and had to be written on same.

Professor S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, delivered before the Baptist Ministers' Conference in Richmond on Monday last, by invitation, an address on "Proposed Solutions of the Negro Problem," which aroused widespread interest. Many prominent educators were present, among them Dr. Taylor, of Boston; Dr. Lewis, of Virginia University; Dr. Taft, of Hartsboro College, and Dr. Pollard, of Bowling Green. Dr. Mitchell's address dealt particularly with the proposition of John T. Murphy, to deport the negro, which Dr. Mitchell opposes as impracticable for the reason that the negro is an integral factor in the industrial system of the South and the Southern people would not be willing to send him away.

The oyster tongs along the Rappahannock River are organizing and will make a determined fight before the next Legislature to prevent the breaking of the Baylor survey of oyster grounds of Virginia. Delegations from different sections will be sent to Richmond to appear before the committee and to use their influence with individual members.

Treasurer B. A. Jacob, of the Virginia General Baptist Association, will report over \$100,000 raised for the coming convention November 12, in Staunton. Last year \$95,000 was raised, and next \$110,000 will be the mark.

The Accomac Educational Association.

The meeting of the public school teachers will be held this year in Onancock. It was hoped that the invitation of the people of Wachapreague could be accepted, but owing to providential hindrances this is now impossible. The thanks of the teachers, however, are due the many families in Wachapreague who so generously expressed their willingness to entertain almost the whole body of teachers in their homes.

It has been decided to award prize certificates to the pupils who send the best and second best samples of work of the various kinds and grades to the exhibit, which is to be held in connection with the meeting. These certificates will be awarded in every department and branch of school work upon the basis of excellence, with the necessary consideration of the age and grade of the pupils. Teachers are requested to have on each piece of work the name, age and grade of the pupil who is its author, as well as the number and district of the school which the pupil attends.

PROGRAM.
Thursday, November 26th, 10 to 12 a. m.—Conference of the reception committee. Address of welcome. Response, Frank E. Rosebro, Drummondtown Academy.

1.30 to 4.30 p. m.—Topic:—Grading in rural schools.
1. What can be done in the one-teacher school?—Miss Margaret Nottingham, Finneys school; Miss Bertie Sandy, Hopetown school.
2. Grading in two-teacher schools.—W. C. Hubbard, Mappsville school.
3. Grading in three-teacher schools.—Miss Manie Parsons, Atlantic graded school.

4. Correlation of the lower and high schools.—G. G. Joyner, Supt. of schools.
The promotion of pupils.—Miss Margaret Stewart, Modestown school.
Disciplining a school.—Miss Lola Weecott, New Church school.

Industrial work in rural graded schools.—Miss Jeannette Wheaton, Clinchcooke graded school.
The educational situation in Virginia.—Address by President J. L. Jarman, Farmville Normal School.
7.30 p. m.—Addresses by Hon. Harry St. G. Tucker, agent for Southern Education Board, and Hon. Jos. W. Southall, State Supt. of Public Instruction.

Friday, November 27th, 9 to 12 a. m.—Topic:—The text-book question.
1. History.—W. W. Bryan, Greenbackville graded school.
2. Geography.—A. L. Burger, Pungoteague graded school.
3. Arithmetic.—Geo. C. Bundick, Parkley high school.

4. Readers.—Miss Emma L. Read, Horntown school, and Miss Manie Fosque, Onancock high school.
5. Grammar.—Geo. W. Gillespie, Clinchcooke graded school.
6. Appointment of committee on text-book recommendation.

General Topics.
The duty of the teacher to the community.—W. S. B. Bond, Tangier graded school.
School evils.—1. Irregularity of pupils.—Miss Susie LeCato, Harbor-town school; 2. Faults of character.—Mrs. G. W. Stockley, Wachapreague graded school.

Consolidation.—E. Sydenstricker, Onancock high school.
Teaching as a profession.—W. A. P. Straug, Cashville graded school.
Reports of committees on grading and text-books.

Election of officers.
7.30 p. m.—Address by Dr. W. S. Currell, Washington and Lee University, "Education and the Higher Life."

Address by Prof. Thomas Fitz Hugh, University of Virginia, "The Faith of the Teacher."

It will be noticed that the two main topics for discussion are "Grading in Rural Schools" and the "Text-book Question," both of which are of the utmost importance to school teachers and to the educational interests of the county. Committees will be appointed to report on both of these subjects. The regular "query box" discussions will be held from time to time during the meeting, and it is earnestly hoped that all teachers will try to prepare themselves on some of the topics suggested as well as on any that they may wish to suggest themselves. There is obviously no benefit to be derived from a meeting of this nature by any one, unless he or she is willing to contribute some benefit to it.

Attention is again called to the list of lectures that we have been happy to secure from distinguished educators of our State. To these, as well as to the efforts of our own teachers, the public is cordially invited.

The place of meeting will be published in the next week's issue of this paper.

Edgar Sydenstricker, President.
John D. Grant, Jr., Secretary.

Onawa Social Union.
The stockholders of Onawa Social Union met on the 16th inst., and are glad to report a good success at the Fair during this year. They fixed the dates for the 13th annual Fair. It will commence August 30th, 1904, and continue four days.

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COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

October Term 1903.

The following fiduciary accounts were confirmed and ordered to be recorded: Audits of estates of Elizabeth J. Coard, William Taylor, and Sarah C. Kellam; guardian accounts of Perry P. Slocumb; orphan accounts of Henry R., Ellen P. and Maggie Byrd, Mary E. and Harriet W. Wilkins; David Wharton Brod water with his committee.

Upon petition of George C. Watson and others for a public road. Petition dismissed at plaintiffs' cost.

Oliver Hurst qualified as administrator of the estate of Luther J. Scott as administrator of Kate Scott, deceased; George W. Abbell as administrator of Mary P. Abbell, deceased; E. Amerius Baker as administrator of George Shreve, of J., deceased; A. S. West as administrator of Robert Phillips, deceased.

Last will and testament of Charles Parks, deceased, was proved and Joseph R. Riggs qualified as administrator c. t. a.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Taylor, of Ashbury. Nolle prosequi entered.

Joseph C. Westcott resigned as Constable of Magisterial district of Pungoteague and William L. Drummond was appointed and qualified as his successor.

Retail liquor license was granted to Ernest J. Figgs at his house at Woodberry.

Last will and testament of Esther J. Savage, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Ex parte: Petition of W. McKay Taylor for a public road from his lands to the public highway. Summons awarded to proprietors and tenants.

Application for retail liquor license by Fair Oaks Liquor Co.; continued until 2d day of next term.

Upon petition of William T. Bradford and others for a public road. Summons awarded to proprietors and tenants.

Edward D. Waddy qualified as guardian of his infant child, Bertie W. Waddy.

Sewing Machines.

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On Tuesday, November 17th, next, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., I shall proceed to sell at public auction on the premises recently occupied by Peter Godfrey, deceased, near Daugherty, all the personal property of the said Godfrey, deceased, consisting in part of,

Fodder, Corn, Cart,
1 Horse,
Farming Implements, &c.

Terms cash.

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Yours very truly,
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all kinds, styles, sizes and prices.

IN HARDWARE,

kuna, ammunition, oil stove heaters from \$3.50 to \$4.25, &c.

IN FURNITURE,

dining room suits, chairs, extension tables, bedsteads, mattresses, matings, oil cloths, rugs, picture frames, &c.

We have also several suits of harness, cheap, full line of horse blank-ets, from 75 cents to \$6.00, lap blank-ets from \$2.50 to \$9.00, &c.
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—also—
1 Horse, Wagon, Cart, &c.

All of which I will sell regardless of cost, as I am going out of the merchandise business.
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Our buyer will be home from the city this week with another large invoice of those cheap bargains. Come in and go home smiling.

In order to supply the demands of our customers for first-class natural flower perfumes and a high grade of various toilet articles, we have just put into our store a complete department of Walter Pratt & Co's perfumery and toilet preparations, which for attractiveness, quality and merit have no peer on the American market.

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Commissioner's Office,
Accomac, Va.,
October 26th, 1903.

To the creditors of Shalmanezzer Scott and Wm. D. Tunnell, deceased, and all others concerned: You are hereby notified that, at the request of the personal representatives of the said decedents, I have appointed the 30th day of November next, at my said office, for receiving proof of all debts and demands against the said decedents or their estates; at which time and place you are required to attend and prove your claims. Given under my hand the day and year first above written.

Jno. S. Parsons.

Commissioner of Accounts of Accomac County Court.

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The public is cordially invited to call and look through our line and avail themselves of the opportunity to secure bargains.

All parties indebted to us on store accounts are earnestly requested to settle same at once. All accounts not settled by December 1st, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

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FALL

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New Brick Building, Onancock, Va.

Tax Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the State Tax and county Levy for the year 1903, are now due, and that in pursuance of law, the treasurer or his deputy will be at the following places in said districts at the times herein specified, for the purpose of collecting said taxes and levies, viz:

Appointments of John H. Hopkins
Parkley, October 3d, November 21st and 28th.
Mearsville, November 7th, afternoon.
Cattail, November 7th, morning.
Greenbackville, November 9th, at night.
Chincotheague, November 10th, 11th and 12th.
Hornstown, November 12th, at night.
Hallwood, November 13th, afternoon and night.
Modestown, November 14th, morning.
Bloxom, November 16th and 17th.
Hopetown, November 18th, morning.
Newtown, November 18th, afternoon.
Leemont, November 19th, afternoon.
Accomac C. H., first day of every court.

Appointments of E. T. Powell.
Pungoteague, October 10th, 24th, November 7th, 19th, 20th, and 21st.
Wachapreague, November 11th, 12th and 13th.
Harbortown, November 20th, night.
Accomac C. H., November 23rd, 24th and 25th.
Onancock, October 17th, 31st, November 14th, afternoon, and November 26th, 27th, and 28th, all day.

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Quantity.	C. H. dist. from course.	Amt. of Tax.	Ex-penses.
Bowden, O. H. and Ezar T.	1/2 acre.	30 N.	.22
" Thos. A. of P.	1/2 acre.	30 N.	.15
Bradford, John Sr.	1/2 acre.	30 N.	.12
Bunting, Jno. W. and Wm. C.	1/2 acre.	30 N.	.07
Chandler, W. J. Sr.	1/2 acre.	30 N.	.06
" and son	1/2 acre.	30 N.	.03
Hinman, Frank A's heirs	13 1/2 acres.	30 N.	4.59
Hinman, Geo. W.	7 1/2 acres.	30 N.	.62
Johnson, Jno. C.	15 acres marsh.	7 N.	.09
Justice, Edw. T.	3 acres air.	15 N.	.27</